parts, but it is doubtful if he ever plays such a delightful part as members of the Cambridge force did when the distribution of gifts to the poor and needy took place.

PC Hagger acted as butcher. Aproned in the approved style and armed with steel and murderous knives, he chopped and boned joints of meat with a happy smile.

Sergt Sharman wrapped up good things, struggling with newspaper and grease-proof paper and slippery meat.

Policewomen Jude and Carnegie Brown dealt with the milk and looked after the children.

Every recipient met with a cheery wish for a Happy Christmas and all took their gifts with a smile and profuse thanks.

Occult case at Corpus Christi - 1904

LAST term, in the small hours of the morning, an undergraduate in the old part of Corpus Christi College saw something of a supernatural appearance.

It so unnerved him, he became quite ill; he refused to continue to occupy the room and moved to another staircase.

Naturally, the college authorities deemed it desirable to prevent the story from gaining publicity and, until now, have succeeded in suppressing the circumstances.

But now the harrowing and gruesome facts have leaked out and the recent visitation of 'something' to the undergraduate is beyond dispute.

Determined to enjoy Christmas despite gloom and doom- 1973

MID Anglia stores say they are making valiant efforts to give the public every opportunity to do their Christmas shopping.

Most will depend heavily on emergency lighting and special security measures will be taken to beat the shoplifters.

Eaden Lilley say that, on days without electricity, old gas lamps still fitted in the shop will be used.

The January sales have been brought forward at Robert Sayle to take advantage of remaining days with electricity before the more stringent regulations come into force in the New Year.

Shoppers in Cambridge defied the gloom of crisis-torn Britain and were out in force to do their last-minute Christmas shopping.

At Woolworth's in Sidney Street the manager said: "People are determined to enjoy Christmas despite the gloom and doom." Tesco, in Regent Street, said they were fairly busy.

The general manager of Joshua Taylor said that trade was about 20 per cent up compared with last year.

Christmas shoppers on Sidney Street in December 1965

St Andrew's Street, Cambridge

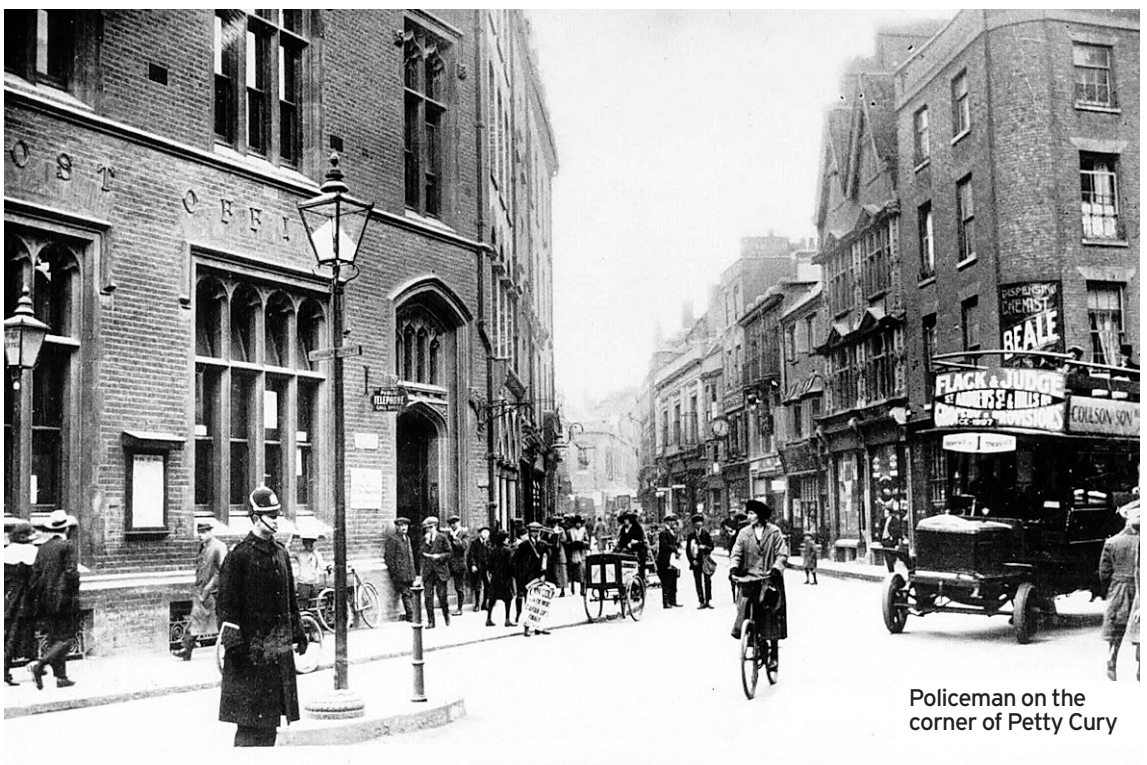
Gas main investigated with candle - 1900

A CORPORATION employee descended beneath the surface of the road in St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, with a candle in his hand and approached the gas main running under the tramlines.

This pipe contained a leakage, and a quantity of gas was escaping. The flames of the candle caused the escaped gas to explode and flames shot up out of the cavity in an alarming manner.

The employee arrived at the surface little the worse for his experience.

Traffic was suspended for some time until the leakage was repaired.



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